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Balancing Weights to Rotors, In  
Particular to Propeller Shafts  
or Cardan Shafts

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and make of record the documents listed thereon. A copy of the English Version of the International Search Report issued in the counterpart PCT International Application on November 5, 2003 is enclosed. Copies of references AC, AE, AH and AK are enclosed. English Abstracts for references AD, and AF to AK are enclosed.
- 2) Copies of references AD, AF, AG, AI, AJ and AL are not (and need not be) enclosed, because they were transmitted to the USPTO by

the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.

- 3) This statement is being filed concurrently with the above identified new PCT National Phase Application.
- 4) References AA and AB are in English. References AD and AF to AK are accompanied by English Abstracts. Reference AH corresponds to AA, and reference AK corresponds to AB, from which the relevance can be determined in English. Reference AJ has been discussed at page 1 of the specification. Therefore, no further discussion of these references is required.
- 5) Reference AC (DE 1 573 763) discloses an arrangement for balancing the crankshafts of motors. The arrangement includes a measuring device for detecting the unbalance and milling machines for milling the crankshaft counterweights for removing material to correct the unbalance. The crankshafts are movable forwards while lying on the feed advance path with their axes perpendicular to the feed advance direction. The unbalance correction is achieved only by boring or milling of the end counterweights in a machining direction parallel to the axis of the crankshaft. For each counterweight, two tools are provided in such an arrangement that the machining processes can be carried out in two axial directions oriented perpendicularly to one another, in order to carry out the material removal at the circumference of the counterweight.

- 6) Reference AE (DE 30 11 824) discloses a balancing weight for balancing a cardan shaft, and a method for welding the balancing weight onto the cardan shaft. The balancing weight comprises a curved plate that is to be welded onto the cardan shaft and that has a concave radius of curvature approximately corresponding to the radius of the cardan shaft. Several projections or protrusions are provided on the contact surface of the balancing weight, and are embodied as claw-like extensions that are up to about three times as long as the thickness of the plate. The claw-like extensions can be formed by bending corners of a rectangular or quadratic plate by about 90°. The method for welding such a balancing weight consisting of a light metal onto a light metal pipe of a cardan shaft involves receiving the balancing weight in a semicircular or prismatic shaped electrode and then pressing the claw-like extensions of the balancing weight against the surface of the light metal pipe, and then further moving the balancing weight and the pipe relative to one another while constantly pressing them together and then carrying out the welding process. The relative motion of the balancing weight and the pipe of the cardan shaft ensures that the contacting surfaces are scraped or rubbed clean, so that the welding process can then be carried out rapidly and without problems. The relative motion can be completely or partially around the circumference of the metal pipe or in the longitudinal axial direction.
- 7) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AD, AF, AG, AI, AJ and AL by category

(A = technological background, general state of art; and  
Y = relevant to obviousness in connection with another  
publication). Thereby, a concise explanation of the relevance of  
the foreign language references has been provided (see M.P.E.P.  
§609).


- 8) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all  
references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed  
Form PTO-1449, and ensure that all references of record are  
printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	Cl.	Sub- Cl.	Fil. Date
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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